

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT County Fire	(2) MEETING DATE 12/17/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Robert Lewin, Fire Chief / 543-4244 Bill Winter / 543-4244	
(4) SUBJECT Request to amend the Fixed Asset List to remove three non-functioning hazardous material identifiers and return them to the manufacturer; and to accept a replacement package of equipment and training from the manufacturer, and add the replacement equipment to the Fixed Asset List.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your board approve: 1) removal of three non-functioning hazardous material identifiers from the Fixed Asset List; 2) return of those items to the manufacturer; 3) acceptance of a package of equipment and training provided by the manufacturer to replace the returned items; and, 4) addition of four replacement items to the Fixed Asset List.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____ )			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Fire / Robert Lewin, Fire Chief / 543-4244  
Bill Winter / 543-4244

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SUBJECT: Request to amend the Fixed Asset List to remove three non-functioning hazardous material identifiers and return them to the manufacturer; and to accept a replacement package of equipment and training from the manufacturer, and add the replacement equipment to the Fixed Asset List.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that your board approve: 1) removal of three non-functioning hazardous material identifiers from the Fixed Asset List; 2) return of those items to the manufacturer; 3) acceptance of a package of equipment and training provided by the manufacturer to replace the returned items; and, 4) addition of four replacement items to the Fixed Asset List.

## **DISCUSSION**

County Fire purchased two Hazardous Gas and Vapor Identifier (HGVI) Units from Smith's Detection (the manufacturer) approximately two years ago using 2009 State Homeland Security Grant funds. The units were purchased in order for the Regional Hazardous Materials Team to sample, alarm and identify chemical weapons (e.g. Sarin) and common industrial chemicals (e.g. Anhydrous Ammonia). Unfortunately, the units have not performed to their expected potential, and failed to provide the functionality required under the terms of the grant.

The department has worked with the manufacturer and has attempted several solutions over approximately the last two years, with no improvement in performance of the units. The manufacturer has agreed that their units have not performed as expected, and have proposed replacement of the units with different models which will achieve the required functionality, at no additional cost to the County.

Replacement units proposed by the manufacturer have very similar capabilities to the current units, along with a proven track record with the military and emergency response agencies nationwide. The department has carefully considered the replacement proposal, and has a high level of confidence that it will provide the required functionality. Terms of the replacement require the County to return the non-functional items to the manufacturer.

Items to be returned include: two (2) HGVI units (County Asset Numbers 500000000088 and 500000000099) and one (1) Wireless Communications Kit (County Asset Number 500000000089). These items were purchased in fiscal year 2010-2011, on County Purchase Order #22006009 and #22006823. Total cost of these items was \$64,151.87, with the 2009 State Homeland Security Grant Program reimbursing \$60,000.00, and the balance funded by the County General Fund.

The replacement package includes: one (1) Responder RCI System, two (2) LCD 3.3 vapor samplers, one (1) Wireless Communications Kit, and training on use of the equipment provided by the manufacturer. Total value of the replacement package is \$65,389.69.

The value of the replacement package is slightly higher than the original purchase cost, but no additional funding is needed. The manufacturer recognizes that the original equipment and efforts to make it work were not successful and has agreed to the exchange.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

Replacement of the items has been coordinated through the County Office of Emergency Services. The State Office of Emergency Services, which administers the grant program, has approved the replacement.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Value of the replacement package exceeds the value of the items being replaced. There will be no additional costs to the County during the current or future fiscal years.

**RESULTS**

Replacement of the items will allow County Fire and the Regional Hazardous Materials Team to continue their efforts to provide A Safe Community and A Healthy Community.